

Overview of Training Workshop on Social and Environmental Soundness of REDD+ Programming and Implementation

5-9 November, 2012, Bangkok Thailand



Goal & Objectives

To improve the social and environmental soundness of the work of USAID and partners in Southeast Asia on REDD+ and related USAID Sustainable Landscapes programs:

- ✓ To integrate into these programs key principles, approaches, applications, experience and lessons for social and environmental soundness in relevant NRM sectors, as well as decades of relevant experience and lessons learned
- ✓ To identify and work on the key SES issues related to REDD+
- ✓ To apply these principles, issues, lessons, approaches, and
 applications to country-specific situations and actions



Workshop Approach

The workshop approach will be highly interactive and participatory, to draw from participants' own experience and expectations (pre-workshop questionnaire responses), and to enhance their work on these issues. Try to avoid "death by PowerPoint." Interactive sessions include:

- a) World Café (day 1)
- b) Panel discussions (days 1 and 2)
- c) Stakeholder engagement exercise (day 2)
- d) Country working groups (day 4)



Training Workshop Design

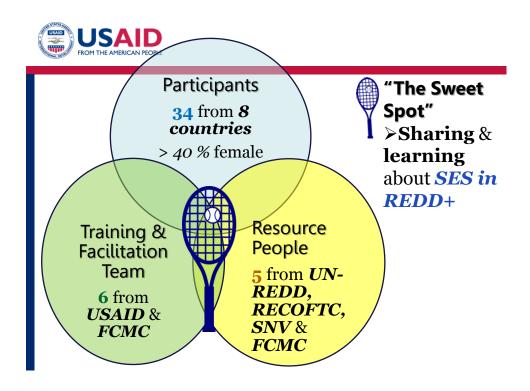
The workshop is designed in two parts:

- a) The SES training workshop on days 1 to 4 (Monday to Thursday)
- b) Day 5 (Friday) is targeted to USAID staff and programming requirements; open to non-USAID participants as observers



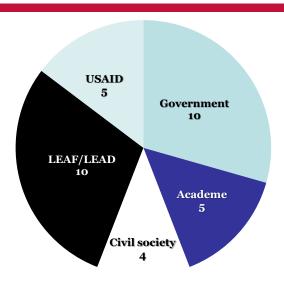
Workshop Preparations

- Lots of preparation has gone into this workshop, designing the agenda, and considering feedback from participant questionnaires
- Consultants have prepared country profiles, as well as studies of stakeholder engagement and "lessons learned" from community forestry
- Lots of work to handle the logistical arrangements, especially travel arrangements





Participant Breakdown





Participant Contributions during Workshop

- ✓ Participate actively in all sessions don't be shy!
- ✓ Discuss key SES terms in country teams and write local language lexicon
- ✓ Two volunteers for each day, to synthesize and present key messages emerging, during days 1 to 4
- ✓ Provide feedback and suggestions on daily sheets
- ✓ Plus???



Suggested House Rules

- ✓ Recognize that we are all peers in this workshop
 - Here in individual capacity, not representing government or organization ("Chatham House Rules" – no names in report)
- ✓ Do not let English be a barrier to our sharing and learning
 - We need good exchange of experience and lessons, not necessarily good grammar!
- ✓ Be bold and think "out of the box"
 - Can even challenge your boss!



Suggested House Rules

- ✓ Help manage the time
 - Follow the cue cards and listen for the chimes!!
 - Come back from breaks to start sessions on time
- ✓ Avoid being "online" during sessions and keep your phone silent
- ✓ Have fun enjoy each other's company and being in Bangkok!